



Docket Number (Optional)

In re Application of

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For

Art Unit 1771 Examiner Christopher Pratt

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and

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The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to

Deposit Account Number .

I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the applicant/inventor.

assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under

37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).

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1.34(a) .

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Date Jan. 30, 2004

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Typed or printed name Linda Scott Waters

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

I am requesting an extension under the provisions of 37 CFR 1. 136(a)

Please accept this request as I am mailing to the address listed on a letter of communications from the U.S.P.T.O. office to me signed by Christopher C. Pratt and Cheryl A. Juska.

I contacted an attorney to complete the response to your letter to me, dated, July 28, 2003 and dated, July 29, 2003. The green copy of the Amendment Practice 37 CFR 1.121 CHANGED COMPLIANCE IS MANDATORY is dated as effective July 20, 2003. I am sending this sheet along with my request to receive an extension of time.

I submitted the information I received from your office to an attorney for completion., but the attorney sent me an email that really shocked me. Enclosed is the copy of the email. I called many of the patent attorneys who are listed on your web site, and it seems that they either do not not have time or their RETAINER fees start at \$5,000 without a guarantee of anything.

I contacted your consumer hotline for your patent office when I filled out this original application, and they answered questions for me, and I used their advice. However, it seems you are throwing out my application for things done that I was told by them. I don't understand your office. If there is a specific way in which you want the application filled out, then your office should spend a

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little time creating a guide showing people exactly what you want. I followed the application and its instructions that you sent to me. I am willing to follow any guide that your office has.

I don't believe that any citizen should be price-gouged to the point that he cannot obtain help. Any patent attorney who ask me for \$5,000 to retain himself while he reads through documents that I prepared myself is not an attorney for the people. I ask that the patent office send me whatever guide I need to help me straighten out my patent application problem. I have done nothing wrong. I have fought long and hard just to get where I am with this. I willingly ask for help from a patent attorney who will not try to charge me \$5,000 just to retype a document. You shouldn't want that either. Please do not throw out my application. Instruct me in the right direction for help, but please do not throw out my application as I continue to seek help to answer whatever questions you are posing in your objection letter.

Thank you Mr. Pratt for your time. Please let me know what to do.

Sincerely,



Linda Scott Waters